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NIAGARA COLLEGE of Applied Arts and Technology
RESOURCE CENTRE

Pie, pie, pie ....

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French program approved

The Academic Affairs Committee of Niagara College approved, for submission to the Council of Regents, a new Applied Arts program, Le Francais, instrument de travail. Approval was given by the committee at its meeting on Feb. 5.

The program is not specifically career-orientated, said I.J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, but is intended to prepare students for positions in areas where a knowledge of English and French is necessary. The program will approximate the second level of the Civil Service Certificate.

Niagara will be the only college to offer this program.

Approval of the program does not mean it will be given in the near future, said A.S. Manera, college president. After approval by the Council of Regents it can only be offered if there is enough money to operate it. Staff requirements for the program would cost about $30,000.

Mr. Giancarlo noted that with this program and the Bilingual Early Childhood program, Niagara will have a substantial involvement in French studies.

He wondered what level of activity is needed to qualify for grants. It was suggested this be investigatd.

Capital expenditures for the program would have to cover equipment such as instructional tapes and head sets. A request has been made to the Secretary of State for the equipment.

Niagara was asked some time ago by the Language Bureau of the federal government if Niagara might become a language centre for it. The decision, which would mean that civil servants would not have to leave this area to study, was postponed. The acceptance of this program could rekindle interest in this.

J.B. McLaughlin, member of the board, expressed concern about the fact that this area might be designated as a bilingual area, and that setting Niagara up as a language centre might align the college too closely to the government.

Mr. Manera said the college has been careful to ensure that it is not in any way identified with a particular point of view on any issue of this nature.

12,000 jobs created by federal program

About 12,000 jobs will be created this summer as part of the federal government's Student Summer Employment and Activities Program (SSEAP).

Robert Andras, minister of Manpower and Immigration, said Feb. 5 the $12 million program will involve eight federal departments and provide 17 job and volunteer programs for students.

Another 109,700 volunteer jobs will be created.

"In spite of difficult economic times, both the government and the private sector must do what they can to provide students with work," Mr. Andras said in a news release.

"Without summer employment , many students will not be able to return to their studies in the fall."

He said the federal government is seeking co-operation from the provinces for the program.

The SSEAP activities will include a Parks Awareness Program, a Health Activities Program, and positions in the Solicitor General's Ministry Secretariat, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the National Parole Service, and the Canadian Penitentiary Service.

The Parks Awareness program is sponsored by the Ministry of Indian and Northern Affairs and "will employ students to undertake projects that will enhance awareness of our Canadian heritage as represented in our National Parks system," according to the news release.

About 200 jobs are being created in environmental studies projects by the Ministry of the Environment.

Other departments involved are the departments of National Defence, Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Secretary of State.

"Our programs are designed to provide work for students or to help them find jobs in the private sector, but students must work hard at finding summer jobs," Mr. Andras said.

Of the paying SSEAP jobs, the greatest number are in the Reserve Training program of National Defence for which nearly $4.9 million has been allocated.

The Department of the Secretary of State has been allocated more than $5.8 million to provide 2,900 paying jobs and 5,000 unpaid jobs in its Students Community Services program.

That department also has the lion's share of unpaid jobs with 100,000 available in its Hostels program, besides the 5,000 available in Student Community Services

Steve Jeffrey, information officer for the Ministry of Manpower and Immigration, said applications for SSEAP are now available at local Canada Manpower Centres.

Ont. provides another 7,800

Niagara College students, like all Ontario students, are going to find job hunting harder this summer. With the help of the provincial government, however, 7,800 jobs are being made available to students.

Terry Jones, parliamentary assistant to Margaret Birch, provincial secretary for social development, announced a government plan to provide 7,800 jobs in a program called Ontario Experience '76.

Mr. Jones, who said there would be close to one million young people looking for jobs, said the government will provide interest-free loans of $1,000 each to 200 students who want the opportunity to be entrepreneurs.

He said the program was to encourage free enterprise and would encourage young persons to establish some sort of small business.

"It will give them the opportunity to go broke or make a fortune," he said.

He said the over-all Ontario Experience '76 program would cover a broad range of employment opportunities in agriculture, recreation, culture, environment, tourism, labor, social service and commerce.

Call for nominations for 76/77 SAC executive

Elections for the 1976-77 Student Administrative Council [SAC] will be held March 29. Positions for the president, executive vice-president, vice-president of financial affairs, vice-president of internal affairs, vice-president of athletics and club convener are open.

Nominations are restricted to students who will be in their second year next year and to those who maintain a 2 grade point average or better. Nominees should be familiar with most events, activities and organizations of the main campus and satellites and should have experience with student governments.

All persons elected will be on probation for a period of three weeks to judge their fitness for office. Nomination papers can be picked up at the SAC office.

Ministry cutbacks

Fewer Niagara College nursing students in the fall

There will be fewer new students in the Niagara College Nursing Program this fall.

Niagara, with the 21 other provincial community colleges, has been ordered by the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities to cut back the number of nursing graduates they produce. This has meant a reduction in openings for first year students in programs all over the province.

The average reduction of students across the province has been 15 per cent. Three or four of the smaller colleges were bypassed but their status may still come under revision by the province.

Niagara College was luckier than most others. "We were among the more fortunate; they only cut us back 10 per cent," said Fred Habermehl, dean of the School of Health Sciences. The program wil lose only 19 openings this fall over last year's 179 first year openings.

So far, there have been 460 applications for the 160 freshman student openings. With so many applications for so few openings, Mr. Habermehl can see one minor advantage. "It'll allow us to be more selective than usual," he said.

Mr. Habermehl reacted strongly to suggestions that the colleges should not accept any new nursing students, given the overall job market now that provincial Health Minister Frank Miller is closing hospitals.

He said many Niagara College nursing graduates don't stay in the Niagara peninsula but go overseas with CUSO or various church missions, while others go to the far North to work.

Mr. Habermehl said the job market for nurses changes from year to year and it is difficult to predict what the market will be like in two or three years. "We really don't know what the job situation will be when these students graduate," he said.

He said students must be able to choose whatever type of education they desire. Students are warned, he said, about the prevailing job market when they enroll but they are free to continue on if they wish. "Students have some right to the type of education they want." He said he feels very strongly about this point.

Mr. Habermehl said the cutback in hospitals would place new limitations on clincical training facilities but he was sure the cutback in nursing graduates was ordered with this fact in mind.

"We're not expecting any layoffs," Mr. Habermehl said, but admitted there would be three fewer teaching positions in Niagara's Nursing Education Program next year. He said he expected to lose three teachers by "natural attrition" and no layoffs are planned.

There won't be any reduction in facilities in the Nursing Education next year due to lost fees caused by the lower enrolment, Mr. Habermehl said. "It would be taken up by the fewer teachers."

While Mr. Habermehl is concerned with the government-ordered cutbacks, he said, "In this college, it's not that radical a cutback."

EDITORIAL

Defence of the Press

In recent years the press, in fact all media, have come under constant criticism especially in the area of violence.

Admittedly, some of the criticisms are valid, but many are the result of a lack of understanding on the part of the general public.

For example, the press hears hundreds of complaints about pictures and films that show scenes of outright violence, often worse than anything shown in some of the current crop of motion pictures.

Printing or not printing certain pictures is a dilemma often faced by newspaper editors—for example, the pictures from wars or automobile accidents.

But newspapers, and television, have motives behind printing and showing these pictures that may be questionable to some and downright objectionable to others, but are, at least, honest.

One reason is that printing pictures of ghastly scenes often makes people think twice the next time they decide to drive after having one too many.

It also helps people to realize the horrors of war that, for the people of North America, are often too far away to be immediately horrifying.

True, some of these pictures are extremely offensive. But if they make people think, then they are just as valuable as they are horrifying.

Another complaint the press often hears is that someone was misquoted, or taken out of context.

We won't try to make excuses for reporters who misquote their sources, but there are reasons such as the reporter not understanding what was said or even just plain not hearing what was said.

Still reporters don't, believe it or not, misquote people for their own personal gain. Misquotes can very often lead to the loss of a reporter's job.

On the other hand, many times charges of misquotes are just the result of someone saying something he shouldn't have—and then coming under fire for it.

In other words, loose lips can sink a ship. **Rob Potter**

Get serious, Margaret!

Just when women's liberation is reaching maturity, it has suffered its greatest setback in Canada since the girl scouts voted not to let the boy scouts into their organization because they feared being suppressed.

But the setback does not come in the form of the male of our species, but rather from a woman, Margaret Trudeau.

Everyone knows who she is and everyone has heard the clamor of jokes about her singing ability. She has even been "immortalized" in a song recorded by a Toronto rock group.

We don't argue her point about not wanting to be "just a rose in Pierre's lapel", but really, Margaret, you must be a little misguided in your concepts.

Everyone, man or woman, must accept responsibilities. Liberation does not give a woman the right to go flitting off by herself every time she feels like it.

Mrs. Trudeau seems to forget that she is not just the Prime Minister's wife, but also the first lady of this country, and as such has certain obligations, which, like her husband, she must fulfil.

Instead of heading to Miami for a brief holiday and apparently casting off all responsibility for herself, she should have been in Canada defending her statements and actions.

She knew the job was dangerous when she took it.

It's not as if Pierre became Prime Minister without ever telling her. She married him after he became the Prime Minister.

With the marriage, she assumed that role that has been carried by national leaders' wives in the past.

We grant that every statement Margaret has made since her trip to Mexico and Cuba with the Prime Minister—where this whole thing began—has been taken as a joke by the press and the general public.

But it seems that Margaret herself is taking all this controversy very lightly.

If she is serious about her beliefs and really wants to strike a blow for herself, and women in general, she should take the role as first lady seriously, and spread her thoughts in the streets of Canada, instead of riding a bicycle in the streets of Miama. **Rob Potter**

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Joe Clark selected as new leader over Wagner at Tory convention

By JOHN BRUCE
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Special Correspondent

Joe Clark, the 36-year-old MP from the Alberta riding of Rocky Mountain, won the national leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party in a stunning come-from-behind victory that left many of the party faithful shaking their heads.

Mr. Clark won the Tories' top job on the fourth ballot over the heavy favorite, Quebec MP Claude Wagner.

The final tally was 1,187 for Clark to Wagner's 1,122.

When the final results were announced, the Wagner supporters looked as if they'd been struck by lightning. Some women supporters and even the odd male fought back tears, expressing their frustration after seven long months of campaigning and seeing their man lead all the way until the last ballot.

Some of the 8,000 Tories at the Ottawa Civic Centre were upset about the delegates' choice.

"We can just write off Quebec like we've always done," one Wagner supporter said. Other jeered at Mr. Clark's remarks about the new united Conservative party he predicted would emerge from the leadership convention.

In his acceptance speech, the new Leader of the Opposition said the party is now more united than ever.

He said the Progressive Conservative party is now a "national party" which can provide "a home for all Canadians."

On the first ballot, Mr. Clark was a distant third, trailing Mr. Wagner by 254 votes, but, on the second ballot, his total shot up to 532, only 135 behind the former Quebec Justice Minister in the Bourassa government.

On the third ballot, Mr. Clark closed to within 34 votes of Mr. Wagner, picking up support from Flora MacDonald, John Fraser, MP for Vancouver South, James Gillies, MP for Don Valley, and Heward Grafftey, MP for Brome-Missisiquoi in Montreal.

The third ballot eliminated Brian Mulroney from the race. The man who came to the convention as the highly-touted "boy-wonder" of the party dropped out and sent his main organizer, Claude Dupras, over to the Wagner campaign, but most of his delegates went the other way.

Of the 369 delegates who stayed with Mr. Mulroner, most were Quebec anglophones who could not support Mr. Wagner. They went to Clark, putting him over the top.

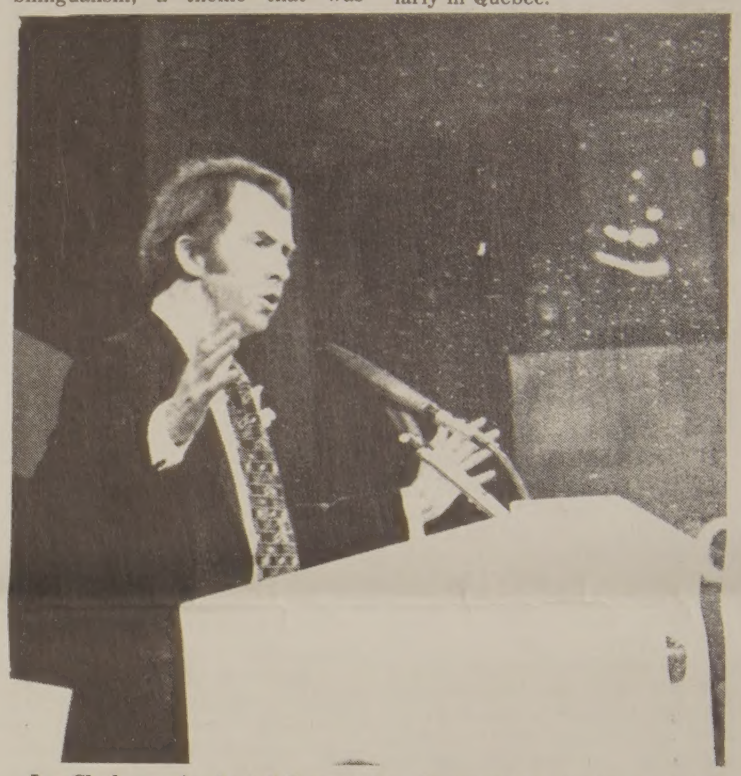
Mr. Clark is a strong supporter of bilingualism, a theme that was heavily emphasized during the four-day leadership convention.

In his convention address to the 2,400 delegates, he said, "I am for a government that controls itself before it tries to control others."

He called for an end to the left-right debate in the party.

He said he stood in the middle of the party philosophically, saying, "I am in the centre of it, like most of you."

Mr. Clark urged all Tories to unite behind his leadership, to start working towards the next election immediately and promised to build a more effective Tory organization throughout the country and particularly in Quebec.



Joe Clark, newly-elected Progressive Conservative leader, makes his victory speech minutes after winning the leadership at the party's convention in Ottawa, Feb. 22. [Photo by Delaney]

Convention Insight

Tories have made a bed of nails

By JOHN BRUCE

The Progressive Conservative Leadership Convention is just a few hours back in history and already there are many comments that once again the Tories have managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

The new leader, Joe Clark, represents a riding in western Canada, speaks both French and English and is known to represent the middle ground of Tory ideology.

He is a strong supporter of biligualism, though not the methods used by the Liberal government to make the country bilingual.

When the results of the final ballot were announced, this reporter was down in the midst of the Wagner camp, assuming that was where the winner would be found.

Before Michel Cote, the chairman of the convention election committee, came out on stage, the Wagner crowd exuded a quiet confidence. Their man had led all the way and there seemed only the formality of the final ballot to confirm him as the new leader of the party.

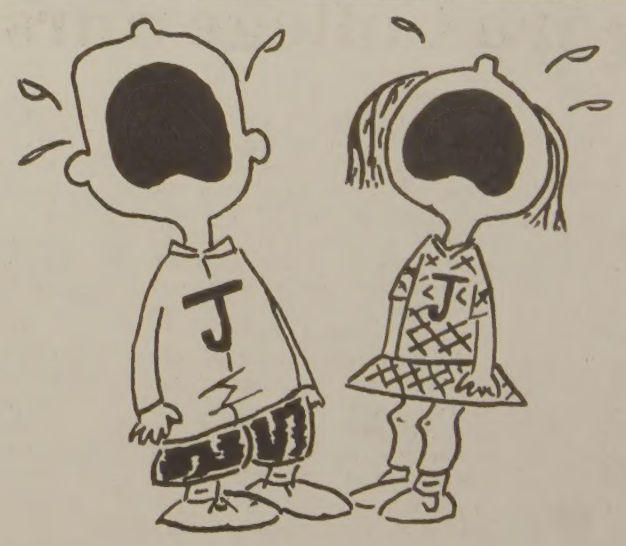
But the bilingualism backlash was at work in the minds of the delegates, the folks with the votes, and in a very few seconds, what was as sure as the rising sun turned into burned out cinders. So much for Claude, n'est-ce pas?

But when Wagner's leadership hopes went out the window, so did any chance of a Tory resurgence in Quebec.

Jack Horner, famed Tory "redneck" from Alberta, threw his support to M. Wagner for the sake of the party. That move in itself should have told the delegates something.

True, Quebec won't go Tory just because a few of them can stumble along in high school French, but she will stay Liberal when an outstanding native son is rejected by the party on the grounds of prejudice and mistrust.

The Tory delegates have made a bed of nails for the party. It's too bad we all have to lie in it come election time.



Oh Noooo!

The Niagara News will go weekly beginning March 18. Watch for it!

Letters to Editor

Praise and advice given to Niagara News staff

Dear Editor:

Just a short note to say how much we've enjoyed reading the Niagara News throughout 1975-76. As past editors and writers of the Niagara News, we understand the problems, difficulties and anxieties involved in producing a newspaper, whether a daily, weekly or bi-monthly.

With a reporting staff of only eight, this year's quality of work equals that of any in the past.

A tip of the old typewriter to Carol, Bev, John, Eric, Dave, Rob, Bill and Mark for an outstanding job.

In particular, we've enjoyed the articles on George Blazetich and his father. As former students of Mr. Blazetich, we believe history is "alive and well" at Niagara because of his ability, knowledge and interest as a teacher.

As second year draws to a close, all community college students, and journalism students in particular, should realize jobs are available in other parts of Canada. We should know. Both of us spent nearly one year in Prince Rupert ,B.C. after graduation and before returning to southern Ontario. The experience of working on a smaller newspaper, where responsibility is yours, is invaluable.

Look both East and West in Canada. Chances are you'll never regret it. We don't.

Good luck.

Sincerely,
Diane Wood
Gary Erb

P.S. Keep those papers coming. They bring back good memories of people and places we knew.

Diane is a graduate from the second year of the Journalism program [1974]. Gary graduated from the third year of the Journalism program in the same year.

Liaison

Dear Editor:

It has been a pleasure to me in the short time I have been in Welland to enjoy the friendship and co-operation of the Anglophone community; those people who speak of differences between English and French-speaking Canadians should be in my position to see how mistaken they are.

The Niagara News has given good coverage to both Le theatre Francais du Niagara, and to my new job.

But I am afraid that a misunderstanding about my position could arise from the article in the Feb. 19 edition. I am employed by Niagara College as liaison officer between the college and the Francophone people of this region; I was not hired from among the Francophone people of the region

Jeanne Larouche

Labor on guidelines victim of media bias

Dear sir:

It is good to see that Labour's views and presence are welcome on our campus. They received editorial and news coverage and a well-done feature article (the columns on our Wage and Price Guidelines course for trade unions).

I note, however, that the scary headline topping the news item ("Hysterics, polemics...") was not consistent with the news which followed. The news columns reported the reasonable and data-supported presentation of the evening speaker, Julien Major.

The editorial ("...tunnel vision") came out against Labour's reaction to the Guidelines legislation. This is an editorial privilege.

But I draw attention here to the low key reporting of the media generally when evaluating Business opposition to the suspension of the collective bargaining process. As a generality there is still media bias against unions in reporting and editorializing.

Niagara College students and staff who are involved in Labour Studies on campus look forward to the usual "fair play" shown by the staff of the Niagara News.

Yours sincerely,
Eric W. Robinson
Chairman
Institute of
Labour-Management Studies

More comfortable for handicapped, Niagara to make Sept. alterations

By BEV DELANEY

Niagara College will be a more comfortable place for handicapped visitors and students next Septber.

Joan Moyer, public health nurse with the Ontario Society for Crippled Children, St. Catharines, and Jack Spittle, manager of plant and property, toured the Simcoe and Voyageur buildings on Feb. 11. Miss Moyer, acting as advocate for the handicapped, found a few flaws in the buildings. There is no ramped access to the library stacks or reference area. Ramps in the Radio/TV and Tecumseh areas are smooth tile and could be more easily used if safety strips were installed. Wheelchair users can only visit the counselling area by using the outside door.

There are a few minor wrinkles in the buildings but the principal flaw was in the washrooms. Each floor has at least two washrooms, one for males and one for females, with a specially fitted toilet stall. These stalls are fitted with hand grips for

Joan Moyer

support. Miss Moyer pointed out that the stall doors open inward rather than outward; a person using a wheelchair would not be able to close the door when using the toilet.

Mr. Spittle made a firm commitment to alter the toilet stall doors before next September if the necessary hardware can be obtained.

Miss Moyer stressed the importance of privacy and dignity for handicapped citizens.

The National Building Code of Canada was amended in 1975 and included detailed specifications for all public buildings. Each new public building where washrooms are provided for the public, must now be built to include at least one washroom that is designed for and accessible to physically handicapped persons. The new business building comes under these regulations.

The Simcoe and Voyageur buildings were built in 1970. Some of the present toilet stalls designed for use by the handicapped have doors that are too narrow to admit a wheelchair.Any handicapped person not able to walk a few steps would not be able to use the toilet.

Mr. Spittle said it would be impossible to design a building totally suited to the handicapped. "It is impossible with the present financial constraints," he said. "We don't have the privilege of designing for the handicapped but some provisions have been made, for example, ramps and wider doors."

The ministry of colleges and universities has a teaching space quota which must be met. It costs more to install ramps than stairs, as they use more space. Ramps for use by wheelchair users must not exceed a rise of one foot in height for every 12 feet in length.

When the new business building opens, about 75 per cent of the student population will attend classes in the main buildings. A two-story ramp is being installed to provide wheelchair access to all areas of the business complex. In the Simcoe building there is an elevator to all floors. If necessary, keys can be provided to persons who must use elevators. It is not always possible to have open access to the elevators because the privilege is often abused, Mr. Spittle said.

At the present time, students and staff with handicaps are accomodated on an individual basis. A special parking area has been set aside outside the counselling centre for those who would have difficulty navigating the main parking lot or who cannot walk long distances.

Miss Moyer said her experience indicates that larger numbers of handicapped students would be entering the student population in the future. There is a definite move by the handicapped to join the mainstream of life.

She sees her role as advocate, interperter and provider for the handicapped youth. "My aim is to help the handicapped to lead as normal a life as possible, to make them as much as possible a part of the workaday world."

Parking attendant resigns, replacement to be hired

Niagara College is losing its parking attendant and, to the dismay of many, will be getting another one.

William Jacobs has resigned from his job as parking attendant after three years.

"I'm very pleased with the co-operation I've had from almost all of the student body," he said. Mr. Jacobs said his main problems were not with the students, but with the teachers.

One problem, he said, was "a certain amount of hostility especially from the teaching staff. They feel they should have some sort of privileges," he said.

Mr. Jacobs said that being a former teacher he could sympathize with the college staff. He said he thought the staff should have a private parking area because they are the ones who have to hunt for parking spaces year after year.

Mr. Jacobs' job was to ticket cars parked in restricted areas. He said many teachers and students were against ticketing of cars on campus but, he said, it was no different that ticketing cars in the downtown areas. College parking lots are controlled under a city by-law.

Mr. Jacobs said he would work until a replacement is found for him.

Cafeteria prices up on some items

Cafeteria prices will go up five to 10 cents, on some items, effective March 1, according to Barb Hardy of the cafeteria committee.

Barb said the foods affected are: fish and chips single, up five cents to 55 cents; fish and chips double, up 10 cents to 85 cents; the main entree dinner, up five cents to 80 cents; and ham and cheese on a kim (bun), up five cents to 60 cents.

Barb said the increases were "required to keep service at the same level we've become used to." She said, too, that Niagara Frontier Caterers operated on a deficit last year in the cafeteria.

The price increases were announced after a Feb. 12 cafeteria committee meeting.

BULLPIT

Trudeau's stand on capital punishment question of keeping or losing rule of law

By BEV DELANEY

In February, Prime Minister Trudeau made it quite clear he is opposed to the death penalty. There was a hint he might resign if a hanging were held in Canada.

The prime minister did not clarify his position but there is no question now that the federal cabinet is composed of abolitionists. Its intention is always to commute the death penalty.

The question is not one of abolition or retention of the death penalty. The question is abolition or retention of the rule of law in Canada.

The law of Canada now provides for the death penalty for capital murder. It is the prerogative of a judge or jury to make a recommendation of mercy in a particular case. It is the prerogative of the cabinet to commute the death penalty after considering all the facts.

It is difficult to believe that in every case since 1967, there has been sufficient evidence to warrant commutation. The prime minister's remarks finally verify the fact that this government has no intention of ever applying the death penalty, in any circumstances.

If a law is bad, then that law should be changed as soon as possible. There have been two five-year trial periods with the present law, which allows the death penalty only for murder of policemen and prison guards in the line of duty. Ten years is long enough to continue the charade.

The spectacle of the prime minister and his cabinet deliberately flouting the provisions of the laws they are sworn to uphold can only have a bad effect. Disrespect for law breeds disrespect for other institutions. It can chip away at the foundations of our society.

If this sounds too harsh, consider these incidents. A cabinet minister is found guilty of a traffic offence. The prime minister shrugs and asks "What's a traffic accident?" A traffic accident, even the most minor, can maim, kill and bring financial ruin.

When another minister of the Crown ia convicted of contempt of court, the prime minister suggests an immediate appeal.

With the implied consent of the federal cabinet, Dr. Henry Morgentaler has been hounded and chased into the ground. This man is an admitted abortionist and has broken the law. He has, however, been acquitted by two juries which probably reflect public opinion. Dr. Morgentaler's case smacks of a vendetta.

The rule of law is essential in modern society to safeguard the rights of citizens. For the country's leaders to flout it is to give bad leadership. If cabinet members hold themselves above or aside from the courts, justice is undermined. Without justice there is no freedom.

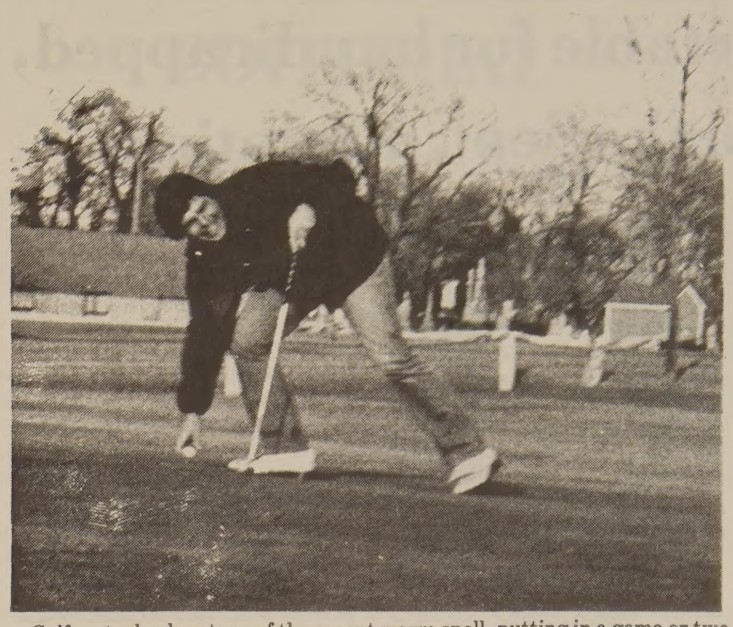
More parking?

A new parking lot to provide space for 250 more cars may be built behind the business and technology building now under construction by September.

There are now a total of 974 parking spaces at the college.

Two weeks ago the suggestion was presented to the property and finance committee of the college but was referred back for further study.

If approved by the finance and property committee at its March 9 meeting, it will still have to be approved by the board of governors and the ministry of colleges and universities.



Golfers took advantage of the recent warm spell, putting in a game or two at St. David's Golf Course in Niagara Falls.

Consumer expert Wright is a man in demand

By DAVE KINDY

Willard Wright, a believer in consumer self-discipline and a Niagara College Human Relations instructor, is in big demand across Canada as a talk show guest.

Mr. Wright spoke on the air to talk show hostess Donna Martin of radio station CRFW in Winnipeg by telephone Feb. 23. This was just one of several he has done in the last few months.

He has been a guest on radio stations CHSC, CJRN, C-HOW and CBC-Edmonton. He has also appeared on the national television broadcast of CTV's Canada AM. In addition, he has been the subject of articles by the Toronto Globe and Mail and The Canadian Press.

Mr. Wright, who is also the education chairman for the Consumer's Association in Canada (Ontario) and a consumer representative for the Welland and Port Colborne Insurance Advisory and Complaint Bureau, is in demand for one thing: his consumer knowledge.

He teaches a class at the college, Consumer Studies: a consumer self-defence course, which teaches many of the things that he discusses on radio and television—how to buy prescription drugs and a new or used car, how to complain successfully, and how to get out of debt.

Mr. Wright told the listening audience in Winnipeg that the best consumer is a self-disciplined one. The consumer who resists the urge to buy on credit and saves his money for the purchase is the one who stays out of debt.

"The advertising agencies have hammered it into us how easy it is to get into debt," he said. "They tell us how easy it is to obtain credit. 'Your neighbors are in debt and it's easy enough for you. Just buy it on credit.'

"Most people don't realize what buying on credit means. Let's say they buy a new car. They'll probably pay about $1,400 in finance charges if they borrow the money. When they do that, I tell them they are giving the finance company a color television, two leather coats, two three-piece men's suits and things like that. That's what it is costing them when they borrow instead of saving up to buy what they want."

He told the talk-show hostess that a lot of people are now in the situation where they borrowed money and are in debt. He said they owe a lot of money to finance companies and banks and it will take them several years to pay it off. He said if people are willing to do a lot of "hard work," they can pay off the loans in a fraction of that time.

"Those who get into debt the easiest and the quickest are those who are affluent," Mr. Wright said. "People who didn't have much money before when they were in college and now have graduated and are making good money. Those who have a fair buck are those who throw it around.

"To get out of debt these people have to sit down and make out a budget. They have to find out where the money is going to. Once they do this they can help to pay off the loan."

Mr. Wright told the Winnipeg audience to list the two sources of income drain—fixed and variable payments. Fixed payments would probably remain untouched since they are things such as rent or mortgage, telephone, insurance, car and utilities payments. However, you must "slash the variables with a razor blade."

"The variables are things like groceries, entertainment, travel and drugs," he said. "Groceries are the first thing that must be slashed. A couple with two small children can eat well on $30 a week. Last year, my wife and I and our two children did it on $25 a week.

"Entertainment must be cut to zero. Now I'm not saying you can't have any entertainment while you're trying to get out of debt, but you must allot zero for it. You can do something cheap, like invite another couple over to play cards. I'm not suggesting it's all fun and games getting out of debt. It's a lot of hard work."

Other things such as clothing must be cut, too, he said. All the variables must be slashed to the minimum.By following its budget, a family with both parents working and making a reasonable amount of money can pay off its debt in two years; normally, this would have taken eight or nine years.

"You don't need a new car every year," he said. "You have to look after the things you have. If it's still neat and clean and serves its purpose, you don't need a new one. If you don't buy a new car every year, then you have the money to buy other things.

"If a person wants to buy something, then he should save his money. You should never go to a finance company to borrow if you can't afford to buy. In my opinion finance company charges are too high.

"If people can't get the money from the credit union, then they can't afford to buy.

Social awareness test reveals college students befuddled

By DAVE KINDY

A lot has been said about the fact that television and the modern school system is befuddling the minds of our society but who would have thought it would come to this?

An English class was given a quiz two weeks ago, the Friday before the Progressive Conservative leadership convention, to be exact. Four questions were asked: name the party holding a political convention that weekend, name the level (state, provincial or national), give the name of the retiring party leader, and name as many of the 12 candidates as possible.

The quiz, known as the "Niagara College Test of Social Awareness" was given to 23 students. Of that total, 20 correctly stated the party, 18 said it was a national convention and 18 said the retiring leader was Robert Stanfield.

Some of the incorrect guesses were startling. One person said it was an NDP convention while another blamed it on the Liberals. One said Manitoba was holding the convention and another suggested it was provincial. For the retiring leader, one said Lewis and another stated that the right honourable Diefenbaker was finally stepping down.

Only two of the candidates were correctly named and by only four students. Two people said Flora MacDonald was a candidate, another named Paul Hellyer while the fourth listed both.

There were a few incorrect guesses at the candidates. One person said Thatcher was vying for the PC leadership (which probably wouldn't have been too surprising if it happened), another named Mason, while a third said Smallwood. The fourth incorrect guess was the best: "The French guy but don't know his name" (We hope he didn't mean Pierre Trudeau).

Let me make this perfectly clear

The Niagara News, being like all newspapers, interested in the ways of politicians, has decided to present an award for the best political speech.

With that in mind we present the first Annual Stupidity and Filibustering Award to North Dakota State Senator I. E. Salsberg for the following performance in a non-supporting role.

"What we ought to do now, obviously, is suspend all activities until we can hold a plebiscite to select a panel that will appoint a commission to hire a new team of experts to restudy the feasibility of compiling an index of all the committees that have, in the past, inventoried and catalogued the various studies aimed at finding out what happened to all the policies that were scrapped when new policies were decided on by somebody else.

"Once that's out of the way, I think we could go full steam ahead with a new study with federal funds of why nothing can be done right now."

Thank you, Mr. Senator.

Destiny control course postponed to later date

A three-day conselling session designed to show people they can control their own destinies has been postponed from Feb. 7 to a later date.

The program, Special Lifework Planning Program, organized by Gord McPherson of Counselling Services, was postponed after only four people said they would take part in the 30-hour planning groups.

This session is set up on the basis of a similar program offered in the United States by Arthur G. Kirn and Associates, a consultant firm which helps employees to take a fresh and comprehensive look at themselves, their lives and their work. Mr. McPherson is one of only two Canadians to study with the firm.

Mr. McPherson had hoped to have two groups of 12 people each. Each group would meet separately on three consecutive Saturdays for eight to 10 hours per day. He thought these requirements might be one reason for the limited interest.

By having workers who are frustrated with their work and lives, complete several exercises and then share their experiences with others in the group, the program hopes to have the participant realize that he is in control of his situation and able to change it.

"Each person is asked to do about 20 exercises and share their reaction or information they have generated with the others," Mr. McPherson said. "You learn from your own experiences and the experience of others. You probe into your own ideas, feelings and history."

"Most people who come to the program are not really happy wih their jobs. They are not getting what they want out of life. Through this program, we have them explore their lives and have them see they could be happier if they realize they control their own destiny."

Most people do not realize they have the power to change their lives if they are not happy with them. By having them face this, they often become less dissatisfied with their lives and/or work, he said.

"There are three things people can do when they suffer anxiety over their life work situation," he said. "Number one is to sit and bitch, number two is to change it and number three is to realize that it is my decision to change if I want it.

"Owning up to this decision gives a person control over their life. If they just sit and complain about their situation, then they are letting someone else run their lives. People become less dissatisfied when they face up to the fact that they are placing restraints over themselves and they have a sense of control over their lives."

The counseling sessions are set up in two phases, the first taking up the first two days. During Phase I, the group is divided into smaller sections of three or four people. Each person establishes individual goals during this phase.

During Phase II, each member is ready to put the information learned to work and to establish what actions are to be taken on the basis of what has been learned.

Mr. McPherson says the course cannot be abbreviated.

"For the course to be successful, it has to go that long. It usually takes about 24 hours to complete. I thought about shortening it to two days but then some things have to be cut out. In the States, these planning groups usually run on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday of one weekend and take well over 30 hours."

Another deterent is offering the course on Saturdays. Most people do not like to give up their weekends, or for eight to 10 hours a day for that matter. Mr. McPherson feels this has scared off several people.

The planning groups are open to all college personnel and their families. The cost is $15 per person which includes a $10 lifework planning workbook.

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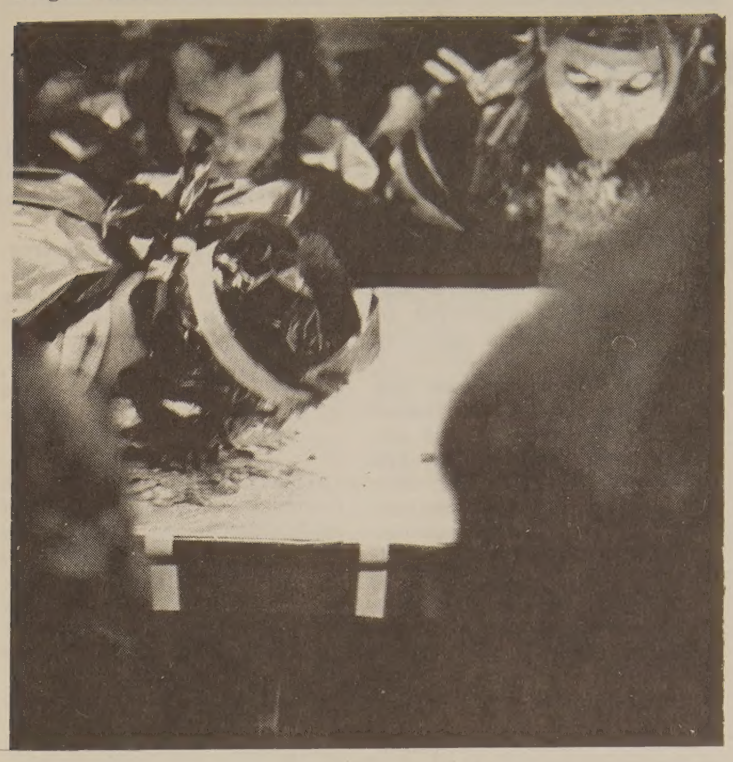


What a mess!

Bet you can't eat just one!

While Howie Sherwood makes a vicious assault on his pie, [photo at left] John Uramouski, [football sweater] and an identified entrant continue their attempt to become Niagara College's pie-eating king.

At right, one of the entrants looks down the contest table to see how he stands in the Winter Carnival pie-eating contest held during lunch hour, Feb. 18, in the cafeteria.

[Photos by Potter]

Pie-eating contest won by Tech. student

By ROB POTTER

Amid cheers and laughter from a rooting section of about 300 Niagara College students and staff, 10 stout-hearted—and strong-stomached—individuals competed for the Winter Carnival Pie-Eating championship.

When it was all over—much of it was all over the contestants—Murray Smith, an electronic technology student, won the $25 prize, and the fullest stomach.

"I just entered for the grins," said Murray between burps after his victory. "I really didn't think I'd win."

He added, "I feel sick. Very sick."

Murray's victory followed a wild hour of mess-making that left many of the pie-eaters looking as if they'd lost a mud fight.

The object of the contest was to eat one big pie in the shortest time.

The contest began with the 10 contestants, hands bound by masking tape behind their backs and torsos draped by large green plastic bags seated at a cafeteria table, their cherry-topped chocolate cream pies in front of them. Many showed their individuality in spite of their ridiculous costumes, by wearing various types of headbands across their foreheads.

One entrant, John Uramouski, was pushed, literally, into a head start. A spectator behind him pushed his face, nose first, into his pie before the contest even began, but it was a minor casulaty compared to the mess that would cover most faces later.

If a prize were given for best showmanship, most spectators would agree to awarding it to Howie Sherwood, who was close to the leaders throughout the contest, despite his small stature. His technique included scooping the cream that had spilled over onto the table around him back into the pie-plate. A lot went into his face.

The close of the contest was tight between Murray and another entrant; judge Barb Hardy, Student Administrative Council (SAC) social convener, watched closely to see who between them would swallow that last mouthful, first. Just as Murray was downing his last gulp, a pie-fight broke out at the other end of the table between Mike Tomasek, second-year radio-television, and an entrant named Anne from early childhood education, that sent the other contestants into a brief melee of throwing and ducking pies. Within seconds, the contest area was cleared and the aftermath left a trail of chocolate cream across the floor of the cafeteria.

Unfortunately, no winner was announced for the pie-fight.

Nurses successful

Nurses at Niagara Falls campus have had a successful year with fund-raising projects.

To date, they have sold chocolate bars for a $600 profit and crested T-shirts are selling well. Each nursing campus has ordered 12 dozen crested glass mugs, said Dolores Ealaschuk, president of the Niagara Falls Student Administrative Council (SAC).

Proceeds from the sales will be used to underwrite the pinning banquet scheduled for April 5.

Snow saga long running serial

Weather pundits were predicting an early spring last week and the snow removal headaches at Niagara have been relieved by the grace of Mother Nature.

The snow saga is long run serial at the College. In December, 1974, the management committee requested Jack Spittle, manager of plant and property, to provide a more thorough sanding of the sidewalks, parking lots, bridge and other areas. The committee noted the icy conditions at that time presented "a dangerous situation for students."

At the same management committee meeting, Mr. Spittle was authorized to "go beyond the limits of his budget, if necessary." By mid-February, heavy snowfalls had blown the snow removal budget by $500.

'Political liability' speaks his mind

By MARK TESSIER

Barry Callaghan, poet, publisher, film producer and former "political liability" to the CBC, was at Niagara Feb. 24, reading his poetry and telling of the experiences which led him to his poetry.

Mr. Callaghan read from his soon-to-be-finished work, The Story of Hogg. The poem is a long narrative about a man named Hogg who is "on the run in search of his own singularity, his own voice," Mr. Callaghan said.

Hogg, who Mr. Callaghan says is very much a part of him, is developed in the poem through three books. The first deals with his paranoia, the second is a group of "Hogg's" paintings and drawings and the third book is a look into his personality.

Following the reading, Mr. Callaghan fielded questions from the audience. During the course of the answers he gave, he revealed much of what he thinks of the CBC.

Mr. Callaghan said that because of his opinions concerning Quebec, the Middle East and Ottawa, he was informed by a CBC executive producer that he was a "political liability." Six months later he handed in a filmed interview with the imprisoned Angela Davis ("an international scoop" he called it) and he was fired.

Like Hogg, he said he was "busted for hanging his tongue live on TV."

While working for the CBC, Mr. Callaghan said he always felt "sullied and humiliated.

"They don't treat you with any class," he said.

But Mr. Callaghan is not bitter about his experiences with the CBC. "It would be crazy to look back at show business bitterly," he said. "That's the name of the game."

Mr. Callaghan does not believe in work for work's sake. He said he believes that when you work for this reason, the fruits of your labour are not worthwhile.

"I am continually at war with my body," Mr. Callaghan said. He attributes this to "long periods of exhaustion, drinking and exhilaration." But when the body rebels, he begins to write, he said.

Mr. Callaghan said he has noticed that all the contemporary poets are preoccupied with an attempt to reach silence through their poems. "They are all fascinated with the notion of the possibility of ever achieving or not achieving silence," he said.

Although his poetry, or Hogg, may realize this notion, it is hard to conceive of Mr. Callaghan himself ever achieving a state of silence. And what a shame if he did!

Social services seminar

By MARK TESSIER

The loss of someone close can result in personal growth and change when we actively intervene and work through our grief, according to Dr. Mwalimu Imara.

Dr. Imara, a professor at Brandeis University in Boston and a close associate of Elisabeth Kubler Ross, the author of Aging, Death and Dying, was the speaker at the social service seminar entitled The Spiralling Wheel Seminar on Experiential Dying, Bereaving and Growing, Feb. 13 in the Hamilton Room.

The seminar was attended by 114 members of the community. Of that number, 30 per cent were nurses, 25 per cent were social workers and 19 per cent were clergymen. The rest were volunteer workers, educators, funeral directors and the like, according to Murdoch Keith, program co-ordinator of the social services program.

Dr. Imara was pleased with the work that the social services students did in organizing the seminar, Mr. Keith said.

Everyone who attended the conference agreed that it was helpful, Mr. Keith said. This was determined through the use of a questionnaire at the end of the seminar.

Referring to the axiom, "Time heals all wounds," Dr. Imara said, "That's nonsense! It covers them, it doesn't heal them." He said he is against the use of sedation to ease the pain of grief, unless the person is incapable of handling the anxiety of grief. "All it (sedation) does is put off the pain."

Dr. Imara graphed growth through grief on what he called the growth curve or metaphor. The curve shows a drop right after the death of a loved one. This he refers to as shock. This is followed by a rise in spirits which he terms emotion, the point at which we decide we have to try to cope with the loss. This is followed by another drop, which Dr. Imara calls bargaining. This is a period of doubt when we question the meaningfulness of life followed by death. This results in another drop, a severe one, which Dr. Imara calls depression. This is the time of greatest suffering.

The final movement of the curve is a rise which represents the recovery from the loss. Through gradual struggle and work the bereaved can become a new person. His "new-ness" is illustrated on the curve by having the point of recovery slightly higher than the level before the death.

Losses of loved ones are training for our own deaths, Dr. Imara said. He stressed that, in order for grief to be beneficial, we must work. When we work through our grief, "somebody new emerges thrugh the pain of grief," Dr. Imara said.

Fee increases up to govt. says Manera

The decision for college tuition hikes is up to the government, says A.S. Manera, president of Niagara College.

Dr. Harry Parrott, minister of colleges and universities, had earlier stated there will be no fee increases in the next academic year but he could not guarantee there would be none in 1977/78.

The question of increases arose at a three-day conference held at the Harbour Castle College Hotel, Toronto, for community college officials. Mr. Manera attended the conference.

He said the conference had no authority other than to allow personal opinions to be aired. "Basically it is a government decision, and they do not let the colleges decide."

Mr. Manera could not attend the final day of the conference but as far as he knew no recommendation was prepared on increases for presentation to the government.

Mean Machine wins co-ed v-ball

The winter carnival co-ed volleyball tournament finished up on Feb. 19 and the Mean Machine came out the victors.

Mean Machine, led by Leapin' Larry Dance, defeated G.B. in the championship game.

The tournament was contested during the double lunch hours on Feb. 17 and 19. There were eight teams, including two faculty teams, competing.

Large increase in Sept. enrolment applications

Niagara College has received 24.2 per cent more applications for admissions so far this year than over the same period last year, figures from the Admissions Office indicate.

A summary of admissions showed 1,827 people had applied by Feb. 20 this year over 1,471 who applied by Feb. 21 last year.

The schools of business and applied arts showed the largest increases with jumps of 50.3 and 22.9 per cent. Business had 493 applications so far this year, compared to 328 last year. Applied arts jumped from 692 applications last year to 851 this year. Health sciences was up 233 applications as compared to last year's 200. Technology showed the only downward trend by dropping by one application — 250 so far this year as compared to 251 at this time last year.

Arnnot P. McIntee, dean, School of Business, said he was pleased with the increase in his school and felt it was a good sign for the rest of the college.

'We've had a very healthy increase by the indication of the initial figures," he said. "An interesting observation was that there was a healthy increase in most programs in the school. Business Administration had a good increase of more than 25 per cent. General Business was up about 49 per cent and the Legal Assistants program was also greatly increased.

"More people are starting to realize they can get good training at the college. We're coming into a period of time where people are looking for types of programs that will give them meaningful employment. 'What can I do when I graduate?' I think these are the questions young people are interested in and they realize Niagara College can help to answer them."

I. J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, also felt much the same as Mr. McIntee. He saw the increase as a good sign for the college.

"The picture looks very encouraging," he said. "It indicates something about the college. If students like an institution, word gets around and they come to it. If they don't, they go elsewhere. By and large, this has a good meaning in the eyes of incoming students and graduates."

One of the biggest problems both deans fear is the high number of applications to some programs. In Applied Arts, 200 people have applied to Early Childhood Education. The maximum enrolment for the program is 62. Social Services has received 109 applications and its maximum enrolment is only 26. Several programs in business are experiencing the same problem.

"A problem that is arising is the difficulty in accommodating all the students applying," Mr. McIntee said. "For example, in the Legal Assistants program, we can't take all of the 42 applicants. We will try to get them interested in other programs though."

Mr. Giancarlo said the School of Applied Arts will have a similar problem but acknowledged its positive effect on enrolment.

"It means we will have more students to deal with," he said. "Classes will be full. It won't mean more money will be allocated to courses but classes will be filled to capacity. The more applications the better the enrolment."

Course entries frozen, chem. tech. may be next

The Chemical Technician program could join three other Niagara programs which have had a moratorium placed on student admission by the Academic Affairs Committee of Niagara College.

The three programs already affected are the Marine Engineering Technology, Instrumentation Technician and Government Operations programs.

The moratorium placed on these was approved at the Academic Affairs Committee meeting on Feb. 5. The move followed a recommendation by A.S. Manera, president of Nigara college, submitted in January.

The Chemical Technician program may be phased out if fewer than 10 students enrol, said Mr. Manera. It could, however, be assimilated with the Chemical Technology program.

Mr. Manera said while the possibility of phasing out certain programs has been discussed in the past, final decisions have been left until budget time when there is more information on the financial situation. Similar recommendations may be forthcoming in the next few months for two or three other programs.

The move on the three programs was anticipated because of low student enrolment, he said. Staff in these areas have either found other employment or will be absorbed into other departments.

There has been no indication of disagreement from the staff thus far, but if there is, they will be allowed to request a meeting with the Board of Governors.

What do you think?

What do you think of Niagara College's plans to hold a rock concert with Savoy Brown? Watch the next edition of the Niagara News.

Pubs profitable, last one April 8

Niagara pubs are making a profit again. They are now $250 to $300 in the black.

Pub manager Fred Bassi said "The student council will absorb it if there is any loss," but he said he doesn't think there will be. If pubs make a profit, the student council will get it.

Lack of attendance and expensive bands were the two main reasons for the pubs running into financial problems. Less expensive bands are now being hired for the remainder of the school year.

The pubs will continue to run every week until April when one will be held on the eighth but not on the first. This will be the last pub of the year.

Phyllis Whitfield Niagara no-show

Phyllis Whitfield, woman's program co-ordinator for Ontario community colleges, failed to show at Niagara College.

She was to come to Niagara for meetings on Feb. 23 with various college officials including Gail Hilyer, chairperson, applied arts extension division, and A.S. Manera president of the college. She was also to attend a Women's Regional Action Program (WRAP) meeting that evening.

Where she was when she should have been here is still an unanswered question, although there is some speculation she may have ended up in London.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

Galt Malleable Iron Ltd. (an automotive-oriented industry) is exposing its employees as much as possible to the metric system as the conversion of the auto industry proceeds.

Niagara Falls restaurant new hospitality campus?

The Niagara Falls Roman Court restaurant, now under construction, is a possible new alternative for housing the Niagara College hospitality program. The alternative will still leave the door open for the eventual construction of a new campus on land owned by the college.

It this should not work out, the college could still use Niagara Park Commission facilities, although it would rule out construction of a new campus for some time because of costs.

Niagara College has been looking at a Ministry of Transportation and Communications site in Niagara Falls but road access to the property has been a problem. The special committee of the college met with the Niagara Falls city council to make it aware of the situation. The council did indicate there was a problem with access to the site.

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities would do all it could to speed up the transfer of the land from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, but without access, the land would be of little use.

Teachers study cancer at Niagara

About 70 people attended a cancer seminar held at Niagara College Feb. 16 mainly to inform secondary school health education teachers of cancer facts and information available to them.

The seminar was sponsored by the School of Health Sciences extension division and the Canadian Cancer Society. Teaching aids available from the Cancer Society were discussed.

Those who attended the seminar included six area doctors, Niagara Regional Health Unit nurses and representatives from the Welland County Separate School Board, niagara South, and Lincoln County Boards of Education. Dr. D.C. MacNeill, president of the Ontario Medical Association and medical advisor to the Canadian Cancer Society in Welland, was also there.

Robert Baddeley, chairman of allied health programs, said the seminar was so successful that a second one might be organized.

Bilingual district proposed

NC information conference, Giancarlo decision expected soon

Plans by Niagara College to hold an information conference to help inform the general public about the proposed Welland-Port Colborne bilingual district have not received final approval.

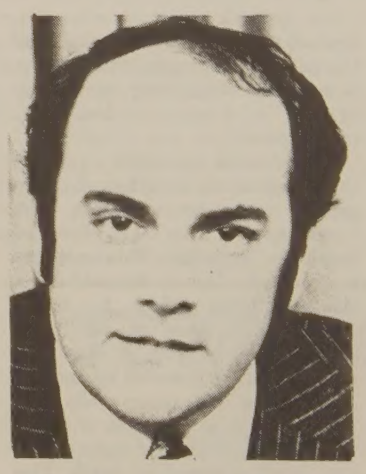
Representatives of the college met with Jacques de Courville Nicol, director of the training and information development division of the federal Treasury Board's official languages branch, Feb. 19, to discuss what role both the federal government and the college wil play in the conference.

In an interview after the closed-door meeting, Mr. de Courville Nicol said the proposed conference is "a college initiative which the federal government will support and will do everything to assist in."

He stressed that much of the controversy surrounding the bilingual district is the result of a lack of knowledge in the general public.

He said the proposed district will encompass only Welland and Port Colborne — not as thought by many, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, as well.

"However, under article 9.2 of the official languages Act, federal offices there (Niagara and St. Catharines) have the legal obligation to provide serivces in both official languages, where it is established that there exists an important and sufficient demand," he said.



Jacques de Courville Nicol

Mr. de Courville Nicol added, "It is also important to understand that the bilingual district will affect only institutions which fall within the jurisdiction of the parliament and the federal government of Canada."

The Feb. 19 meeting, according to David Davies, chairman of the college's Human Development division, was the first step towards a final decision on whether or not the college will hold the conference.

He said the final decision would be made by I.J. Giancarlo, dean of Applied Arts, within the next few weeks.

Mr. Giancarlo's decision will be based on reports from a number of interested parties, including Mr. Davies, Gail Hilyer, chairperson of the extension division of the School of Applied Arts, and Dr. Eric Robinson, chairman, Community Education department.

Mr. Davies said the college will have no trouble in getting assistance for the conference from the federal government.

"Basically—they're saying that if the college is willing to hold a conference, assuming that it is of the informational type and not the political type, they will be more than willing to assist us," he said.

If the conference is approved it will be held here in early May.

Format for the conferences has also been discussed, according to Mr. de Courville Nicol, but no decision was made on that either.

He said, however, the conference would probably be in the form of two conferences, one in French and one in English, each open to both sections of the community.

He said anyone wanting information about the proposed bilingual district could obtain it by contacting their local Member of Parliament in Ottawa, the Hamilton office of the department of the Secretary of State or the Official Languages Branch of the federal Treasury Board at 613-996-3041 or by writing to them at Ottawa, K1A 0R5

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SPORTVIEW

Hockey in Miami? (it's no joke)

By ERIC A. BOWMAN

The National Hockey League recently announced plans to expand to Denver and Miami in 1977.

Surely they jest. Washington Capitals and Kansas City Scouts are still jesting on the ice. In 1974-75, Washington won a mere eight games in an 80-game schedule. This season the have managed six victories in 60 games. At this pace, they could match last season's outstanding season. Kansas City has been much more successful. This year in 58 games, they have already won 12 games.

In professional hockey we already have 31 teams. That works out to 13 too many. The sooner the World Hockey Association (WHA) goes out of business the better. At the opening of the current season the WHA had a team in Denver. They bombed on the ice and at the box office. The team was moved to Ottawa where they went out of business. Instead of losing millions of dollars annually, the WHA could have a going out of business sale and sell their top quality players to NHL teams. The demise of 13 teams would vastly improve hockey.

Why not Canada?

Why should the NHL expand to Denver and Miami? Why not into Canada? The NHL has 18 teams, 15 of them American. League president Clarence Campbell said it isn't feasible to expand into Canada and there is "too much risk involved." What kind of risk? Cities such as Hamilton and Edmonton are no more of a risk than Miami. More than half the people in Miami probably couldn't even tell you what a puck is. Edmonton draws as well as any other WHA team and city officials said they would welcome an NHL team in their city.

NHL owners consider their brand of hockey superior to the WHA's. A team in Edmonton would probably put the Edmonton Oilers out of business. Cities such as Los Angeles, Chicago, Vancouver, New York and Detroit all had NHL and WHA teams. Every battle was won by the NHL. Toronto and Minnesota still have teams in both leagues. The NHL teams in these cities continue to draw good crowds. There is talk that Toronto's WHA team will be moved to Hamilton and that the Minnesota Fighting Saints (WHA) will give up fighting and fold at the end of the season.

The logic behind expansion is that the NHL needs four five-team divisions. Why not realign the divisions to three six-team divisions? A move that would gain fan approval would be to put the six established teams into one division, the six 1967 expansion teams into another and the remaining six ito another. We could then have the following divisions:

1. Boston	1. California	1. Atlanta
2. Chicago	2. Los Angeles	2. Buffalo
3. Detroit	3. Minnesota	3. Kansas City
4. Montreal	4. Philadelphia	4. N.Y. Islanders
5. N.Y. Rangers	5. Pittsburgh	5. Vancouver
6. Toronto	6. St. Louis	6. Washington

This would provide three competitive divisions.

More drafting power needed

If the NHL insists on expanding, the expansion draft must be changed. In the past it has been proven that there just isn't enough talent available. Who wants the eighteenth best player on the Washington Capitals? Not many teams even want Washington's best player. The players available are may-bes or has-beens. Why not give expansion teams more power in the amateur draft as well. Teams such as the New York Islanders and Buffalo Sabres built through the amateur draft. The National Football League is giving their two new teams more drafting power in order to make them competitive. The NFL learned from experience (New Orleans). The NHL should follow their example.

Has the NHL ever done any marketing research in an area before sending their product in, (only to regret it later)? Research may have prevented such floundering franchises as California (nee San Francisco, Oakland) and Pittsburgh. The WHA grabbed Houston and Cincinnati, two good hockey cities. Research would have told the NHL that there may be a lack of fan support in some cities. In 1972 the NHL rushed blindly into Atlanta and were successful. As the fans started to understand the game, they realized what poor quality of play they were watching and the crowds have steadily declined. The same may happen in Miami, or even worse, they may never enjoy good. At least Miami might attract fans during the tourist season when Canadians who understand the game will be in the city.

Harold Ballard, owner of the Toronto Maple Leafs, has suggested the installation of a second Toronto team. He said he can see a great rivalry in Toronto like the New York Rangers-New York Islanders rivalry. While it might not be the best idea, which the NHL is becoming famous for, at least it would be another Canadian city.

The money-hungry owners once again seem to forget the fans. Crowds are dwindling and they want to water down the quality more. Denver and Miami will have to pay $6 million to enter the league. It seems the owners realize the only way to make money is to find somebody foolish enough to pay the entry fee only to wind up a loser with a bunch of losers.

So the NHL plans to expand to Denver and Miami and St. Louis talks about to moving to New Orleans, so when is somebody going to put a team in Hawaii or Alaska?

Niagara-Brock faculties clash on ice in an 'exciting game of what?'

Niagara faculty took to the ice on Feb. 19 to clash with Brock faculty at the Welland Arena. Niagara's faculty could only manage two goals, some bumps and bruises, and a 6-2 loss.

The teams will meet once more this year in St. Catharines. No date was set at press time.

Athletic Director Peter Rylander said the faculty just goes out for a good time while Fred Bassi, assistant athletic director and hockey coach(who did not play), referred to it as "an exciting game of what?"

Comments such as, "Just a little tired," Not too good today," and "Better than I expected," were the feelings of some of the team members on the morning after the game.

The team consisted of 16 faculty members who were bolstered in goal by Tim Woodhead, a third year business student. He was the only student to take part.

Jack Sibbet scored both Niagara goals.

Asked about the faculty's performance, assistant registrar John Parrett replied, "We were deadly."

Niagara and Brock faculty members face-off during high-spirited exhibition game at Welland Arena, Feb. 19. NIagara's staff was defeated 6-2 by Brock faculty.

SPORTS

SAC wants soccer installed at Niagara

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) would like to see Niagara College with a soccer team, but athletic director Pete Rylander said he can't see it happening.

The athletic department has a surplus of $2,000 from the money allotted to it for the school year. Mr. Rylander explained this is the first year the athletic department controlled its own budget, as it was always done by SAC in the past. He said a certain sum was granted for each student and as a result the department has about $2,000 left over this year. Mr. Rylander said about $18,000 is spent each year.

SAC would like this money to be used for the formation of a soccer team, Dennis Reeves, the SAC president, said. "If Niagara is going to have a winning team, it would be in soccer."

"I don't know how or why we would win in soccer anymore than we win in hockey, basketball, badminton or what have you," Mr. Rylander said.

There are soccer teams at other colleges in Ontario. Niagara had a team in Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) play six years ago but felt it better to withdraw because as Mr. Rylander said, "Nobody wanted to practise and we practically had to pull teeth to get them to go to games."

Mr. Rylander didn't completely rule out the possibility but said unless there is student interest, which has been nothing but talk, there won't be a team.

Niagara cagers wind up season with victory

The basketball Knights ended their season on a winning note, defeating Centennial Colts 78—57 in a game played here Feb. 17.

Niagara controlled the game throughout as the shorter Colts were unable to rebound with the Knights. Once again, Tom Boese was a dominant factor on the boards, as were Brian Johnson and Mike Soucie.

Johnson led the Niagara scoring parade with 22 points as he came out of the shooting slump which plagued him recently. Wayne Weise hooped 11 and Soucie and Dave Zalba added 10 apiece.

Paul Clarke had 20 for Centennial and Dick Longland offered 12 in a losing cause.

The Knights finished the year with six wins and 12 losses in league play, and an overall mark of 9 wins and 18 losses. They are not in the playoffs

Goals galore as Knights lose twice

By ERIC BOWMAN

The offence of the Niagara Knights hockey team is rolling along in high gear. The only problem is that their defensive game is in low.

The Knights clicked for 13 goals in their games against such powerful teams as Fanshawe Falcons and Humber Hawks. While scoring 13 goals, they allowed 21 in those same two games.

Niagara travelled to London on Feb 12 to face Fanshawe. The teams put on an entertaining wide open affair with the Knights coming out on the short end of an 8—6 score. The teams were tied at two after the first period and at four after the second. The Knights gave it a good effort but wound up trailing 7—6 as the final minute ticked away. Fanshawe added an insurance marker into the open net with about 15 seconds remaining.

Doug Ness and Bob Stuart scored two goals apiece while Pat Flynn and Bill Brown added singles.

Like their game against Fanshawe, the Knights put on an entertaining game at the Welland Arena on Feb. 17, in a rare Tuesday night home game. Niagara was facing the high powered Humber Hawks.

The Knights managed to score seven goals but it wasn't enough as they were defeated 13—7, (sounds more like a baseball score).

As has been the problem in the past, the Knights just can't seem to get going in the third period. Niagara held a 4—3 lead after the opening 20 minutes but were outscored 5—3 in the second to trail 8—7 at the end of two periods.

Humber tallied five unanswered goals in the third period to clinch the victory. The game was a goalie's nightmare and all four goalies saw action. The starting Humber goalie was replaced after the fourth Niagara goal. Knight's goalie Ed Sherwood was replaced by Howard Goetz in the third period after the 11th Humber goal. Sherwood and Goetz played well and should have sued for lack of support.

Coach Fred Bassi is glad to see the offence scoring but admits he is concerned about the defensive play. "The offence is coming back to life," he said, but an idiot could tell you we've got defensive probelms. I don't just mean the defencemen, I mean the goalies right down to the forwards who aren't backchecking."

Winter Carnival entertainment

Niagara College students were entertained by various folk-singers during the double lunch, Feb. 17, as part of Winter Carnival. Other Winter Carnival activities included a pie-eating contest and a co-ed volleyball tournament. Due to mild weather other activities including snow sculpturing had to be cancelled. [Photo by Tessier]

Ghost Train

Friday the 13th shocker-comedy rolls into Niagara Theatre Centre

By BILL RADUNSKY

The bell tolled, brakes screeched, wheels rumbled. And with the inevitable whistle sounding a herald, the ghost train roared into the station, and coupled with it a superb suspense thriller for Niagara College's Theatre Centre.

The three act production, Ghost Train,by Arnold Ridley, was presented from Feb. 18 to 21.

It takes place in a supposedly haunted railway station on the New Brunswick and Maine border at the turn of the century— and on Friday the 13th. The phantasmal nature of the station preordains ghostly happenings for certain stranded passengers.

The acting in the play was excellent with standout performances given by Lawrence Cormier as the brash Englishman, Teddie Deakin, and Wendy Smith as the old spinster, Miss Bourne.

Good performances were also handed in by Anne OLarnyk and Paul Sexsmith as Elsie and Richard Winthrop, Joyce Caveen and Daniel Prus as Peggy and Charles Murdock, and Anna Camara as Julia Price.

The developments of the characters by the performers was well achieved, which means believable without the sometimes apparent fabrication. In this type of play this development is essential for success.

With good period trappings, a special hand is given to the scenic designer, David Staples, and the costume designer, Nance Goodfellow and their assistants.

Special effects must also share the spotlight as the rumbling and other effects for the train seemed to announce its arrival into the audience's very lap. One could almost smell the coal and axle grease.

A pleasant mixture of comedy brought an added dimension to the play with the audience from laughter to shudders in times of ghostly circumstance.

In the whole production there appeared only one flaw—, attendance. There should have been overflow crowds, but only a handful were on hand to be so royally entertained.

Many suggestions for SAC surplus

Student Administrative Council (SAC) has received numerous suggestions on what to do with its $7,900 surplus, Dennis Reeves, SAC president, said at a meeting Feb. 24, the first meeting of the term.

"We make it and everybody wants to spend it," Dennis said. He said some suggestions they have received so far are such things as bike racks, a Niagara-sponsored art show, a used book store and in the last issue of the Niagara News many students suggested the formation of a football team. There were other suggestions which Dennis referred to as "ridiculous." He didn't detail any of these.

SAC is looking into the cost of an art show and the bike racks while it plans to recommend the possibility of a used text book sale to the new council when it takes over.

SAC will also pay $2,000 to Savoy Brown for a rock concert on March 31. The concert will be held at the Welland Arena or Centennial High School Auditorium as previous plans to hold the event in the Niagara College gym were changed because the college didn't have enough power to hold a rock band. This is evident because the bands at Pub Night quite frequently blow a fuse. At press time, SAC was looking into alternative sites for the concert with the auditorium and the arena being most prominent. A band known as Baby will appear with Savoy Brown. Dennis said he expects the tickets to be reasonably priced.

Several members of SAC were suprised to learn the college has no bicycle racks. They decided unanimously to find out the cost of installing racks. Executive vice-president Adam Macsai said, "We should have bike racks because bike riding is very popular in the spring and fall." He said last year it was quite common to see bicycles chained to lamp posts.

While Dennis said he was pleased with the number of suggestions he said SAC would welcome any other ideas and it would consider and discuss the feasible suggestions.

Tourism students to sunny Florida & Disney World

While most students find a field placement in Ontario, second year tourism students will be in sunny Florida studying what goes on behind the scenes of such top tourist attractions as Disney World and Busch Gardens.

The students, nine of them, will stay in Tampa, Daytona and Orlando from March 27 to April 4. They will be accompanied by instructor Neil McGregor.

The students will also learn about escorting tours and experience tour group planning, both parts of the tourism course.

Students going on the trip will pay for most of it, but Mr. McGregor said a portion will be financed from the tourism course budget.

Seminar postponed

An employment seminar for the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) has been postponed until Thursday, March 11 at 12.30.

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Lost: Silver charm bracelet

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Bilingualism in two scales

New employees in industry need to be bilingual— not necessarily in French and English, but in metric and the old system of measure, according to Bernie Harrison, metric co-ordinator for the college.

Mr. Harrison said a graduate of Niagara going out into industry and who is capable of working within the confines of only one of the two measurement systems, would not be properly prepared to handle the needs of the employer during a time of transition to metrication.

For this reason, the college has set up a Metric Committee to supervise the transition to System International (SI) or metric. The college is trying to keep pace with industry in its changeover to SI so that graduates will be able to fit in with the employers' schedule of change, Mr. Harrison said.

Mr. Harrison said metric awareness courses were offered in January and June of 1975, and a course is being offered now in the business school.

Fr. Theatre's 2nd show draws little support

By MARK TESSIER

The second production of Le Theatre Francais du Niagara opened Feb. 23 without fanfare and, once again, without the community support it deserves.

L'Auberge des Morts Subites made its Welland debut before an audience of about 35. And although those present were receptive, the quality of the cast and crew is of such calibre that a full house should be the order of the day.

The French company only had two days to set up the set and lighting as the theatre centre's production of Ghost Train ran until Feb. 21. But the technical end of the production ran smoothly, highlighted by some fine lighting on a beautiful set designed by Tayie Abdel-Rehem.

The cast of the production is an entirely different one from that seen in the company's first production, but like the first cast, they are faultless in their portrayals of people who have died suddenly and are en route to their eternal destiny, be that heaven or hell.

Especially noteworthy in his performance is Richard Boutin. M. Boutin plays Satan in a manner that is thoroughly entertaining. His diabolic character is a laughing,conman type tempter, and he takes full advantage.

Serge Marquis turned in a strong performance as the archangel Celestin, the excitable keeper of the Inn of Sudden Deaths, as did Serge Hamelin and Guy Tremblay.

The cast showed their professional status admirably in the first act of the play which was time and time again disrupted by a somewhat boisterous member of the audience. Despite the poor taste and rudeness of that person, the actors continued without a flaw, never missing a cue.

All in all, the production was one of the highest calibre and it deserved much better community support than it has so far received.

Cornucopia

Mary Ann Brand, David Emmons and Deborah E. Legge may not be names that come directly to mind as being on the top 10 best-selling writers list, but don't be surprised if some day you find them there.

They are students of Niagara College's School of Applied Arts Extension Division's Creative Writing class which has published Cornucopia, a book comprising the writings of the 13 students in the creative writing course.

Louise Robertson who teaches the course said the idea behind Cornucopia was to allow the class members to compare their own writing with that of the others and to give them a chance to see their own writing in print.

She pointed out that the students in the course are not graded by how well they write, but by how far they have progressed since joining the class.

The book will be distributed to various people in the literary field and Louise is confident that three or four of the stories will see publication in the next year.

The booklet contains 33 poems and short stories.

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